

2 **RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**  
3 **COMMITTEE**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, a role of Winnebago County is "to encourage citizens' awareness, participation, and  
8 involvement in county government" as defined in Winnebago County's Mission Statement; and

9 **WHEREAS**, an ad hoc nonpartisan Public Engagement Committee ("Committee") is recommended to  
10 be formed by the Chairman of the Winnebago County Board to facilitate the fulfillment of the aforementioned  
11 role of Winnebago County; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Committee should involve Winnebago County residents in problem solving, idea  
13 generation, and issue identification as related to Winnebago County business; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Committee should openly communicate with the community about relevant issues to  
15 leverage community input and increase community interest for the ongoing work of the Winnebago County  
16 Board; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Committee should promote transparency, accountability, and inclusion between  
18 Winnebago County and the greater community in an effort "to utilize community resources as a vehicle for  
19 good government" as underscored in the County's Mission Statement; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Committee should initiate examinations or studies of public engagement, as it deems  
21 necessary and appropriate, or request such studies from other relevant committees, departments, or  
22 government bodies; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Committee should work to identify and remove barriers to participation in county  
24 government; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Committee should work with the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors to implement  
26 strategic public engagement policies and initiatives "to encourage cooperation among business, government,  
27 labor, and education to solve common problems" as defined in the County's Mission Statement; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Committee's recommendations and initiatives should focus on improving  
29 Winnebago County structures, policies, procedures, and programs in ways that further all forms of public  
30 engagement and support the County's mission to "economically and efficiently provide and manage  
31 delivery systems for diverse programs and services to meet basic human needs."

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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby  
34 authorizes the creation of the ad hoc Public Engagement Committee

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36 Respectfully submitted by:

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38 **STEPHANIE SPELLMAN, District 10**

39 **BRIAN DEFFERDING, District 6**

40 **STEVEN LENTZ, District 7**

41 **STEVE BINDER, District 13**

42 **JESSE WALLIN, District 14**

43 TIMOTHY HOGAN, District 9

44 AARON WOJCIECHOWSKI, District 16

45 JULIE GORDON, District 17

46 LARRY LAUTENSCHLAGER, District 19

47 ANDY BUCK, District 24

48 SUSAN LOCKE, District 26

49 TOM SNIDER, District 35

50 Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

51 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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53 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Mark L Harris  
Winnebago County Executive